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In re Patent Application of: Nobuyuki Takamori et al.

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For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING

MEDIUM, RECORDING AND

REPRODUCTION METHODS USING THE

SAME, OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE, AND OPTICAL INFORMATION REPRODUCTION DEVICE

Examiner: A. Neyzari

Art Unit: 2627

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 19, 2007 (Paper No. 1), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-18 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to an optical information recording medium, classified in class 369, subclass 275.1+, and Group II, claims 19-26, drawn to reproduction method, recording method, reproduction device and recording device, classified in class 369, subclass 47.1+ or 53.1+.

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